FOSTER PARENT NEWS

DCS TRAINING NEWSLETTER

Happy Foster Parent Appreciation Month! From all of us on

the Foster Parent Training Team, we would like to thank you for choosing to be foster parents.









The first foster child to live in our home was a 2-weekbaby we brought home from the hospital. Learning how to parent for the first time and

Why We Do It

navigating the foster system wasn't always easy, but we grew as a family and had so much support. There were a lot of unknowns and plenty of questions. Doctors' appointments, therapy sessions, phone calls, and paperwork became much easier to manage as it became familiar with the process. We developed a positive relationship with the birth family, but as time progressed, it became evident that reunification wasn't going to be possible. At that point, we shifted to being a pre-adoptive home. Our child was officially adopted when they were 20 months old. We still maintain a relationship with some members of the biological family. I am so grateful to still have those connections to be able to share with our child as they grow up. I continue to volunteer in the foster care community because I want to help educate other people about the foster care system. It can be overwhelming and filled with emotion but is one of the best decisions we ever made. Our family and friends are forever changed because we said "yes" to fostering. - E.



Click HERE to submit your own story!

Renfrew Center



Children's Services

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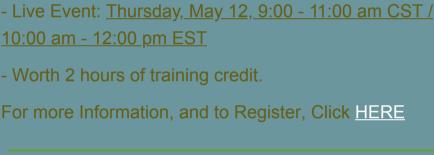
Program: Introduction to Understanding

TN-KEY FOSTER PARENT CO-TRAINERS NEEDED! - For more info and to view the criteria, click **HERE** - To apply, click **HERE**



April Topic: <u> Managing Behavior</u> Click HERE April 20th @ 11:30 am CST

ent Listening



Webinar

Click HERE - May 18th @ 11:30 am CST - May 24th @ 5:30 pm CST



- Engaging and Parenting Teens

- Building Strong Brains

- Stewards of Children

- Loving and Letting Go

- Creating Teachable Moments

- Trauma Informed Parenting Strategies

- Creating Normalcy Through Prudent Parenting

Upcoming Training Calendar - April/May **Lunch and Learn Series:**

Each Training Time:

12:00 - 1:00 pm EST

April 28 - Moving Trauma Responsive Care from the Clinic

to the Community

May 26 - Being a Trauma Responsive Faith Community

June 30 - Community Trauma

and Resilience

Ron Taffel

What to Know New about Child Exploitation and Podcast Episode **Human Trafficking** .5-hour training credit New online training class 2-hour training credit *Can substitute the required live - Link to Podcast Episode HERE - Link to Online Training Course HERE

*1-Hour training credit per class **Statewide Zoom Class** The fundamentals of caring for you, your family, and your child

with mental illness.

Classes Forming Now ~ Limited Space Available

NAMI Basics Class is for any

parent or caregiver of a child or adolescent with a mental health

Foster parents completing the classes will receive up to 15-

Hours of training credit.

Next Available class series

April 23, April 30, and May 7

9:00am - 3:00pm CST /

10:00am - 4:00pm EST

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dates/times:



Each class is approved as 1 hour Trauma or Thereputic Training Credit

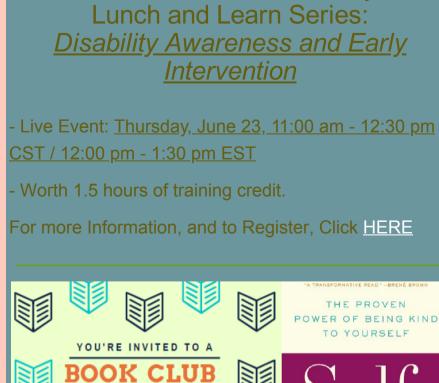
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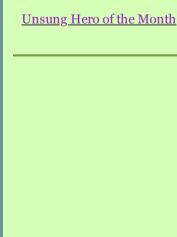




TRAINING CREDIT: 2 HOURS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE DISCUSSION!

Children's Services

Child Welfare Community



Training Credit: 2 hours When: Thursday, June 30, 2022, 5:30 PM CST / 6:30 PM EST To participate: get the book, read the book, and register for the book club by clicking the link HERE

Self-Compassion: The Proven Power of

Being Kind to Yourself

June Book Club

Children's Services Office of Training and Professional Development



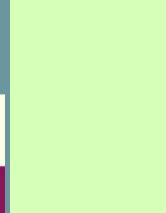
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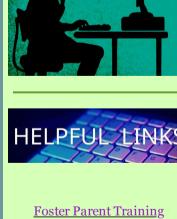
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